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Carter's challenge

President Carter's statements after his talks with Israeli Premier Rabin in Washington this week leave us with mixed feelings. On the one hand, it's a pleasant change to hear an American president talk about an Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands within the positive context of a foreseeable Arab-Israeli settlement...

But it is discouraging to hear Mr. Carter state his approach to a Middle East peace settlement primarily within the framework of Israel's "security" needs. Trying to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict by guaranteeing Israel's security is like trying to scratch one's left ear by wrapping one's right arm behind one's back...

Mr. Carter has obviously appreciated the basic elements that go into a Middle East peace agreement, but he has gone about dealing with them in reverse order. The Palestinian question, when it is properly resolved, will simultaneously solve the question of Israel's security.

The challenge that faces Mr. Carter is to be bold enough to face up to the full dimensions of the Arab-Israeli dispute, and not only the bottomless pit of Israeli security demands.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

One Jordanian daily commented in its Thursday editorial about President Carter's declarations on the Israeli defensible borders, while the two other dailies discussed the Afro-Arab summit conference which closed on Wednesday.

AL RAY, said that Arab policies supported America's understanding of the principle of guaranteed, negotiated, defensible borders as explained by Mr. Carter provided they were not based on geographical factors.

But it charged that Israel's concept of secure and defensible borders is one of expansion, based on a geographic basis -- a recognition of occupation.

However, such U.S. declarations have proved to be of little value from past experience. Similar declarations have been made in the past by President Nixon when he stated that the U.S. guaranteed Israel's security only and not its expansion.

AL DUSTOUR, commenting on the Afro-Arab summit conference said that the five documents signed by the Afro-Arab leaders at the end of the conference did not deal as usual with declarations and principles only. But they went further and provided for a working agenda to concretely promote cooperation between Arab and African countries.

ted will bring Afro-Arab cooperation closer and make it more solid.

AL AKHBAR, commenting on the same subject, says that Israel has always tried to reach Africa, which it considers the threshold behind the Arab blockade. To achieve its ends, it has depicted the Arabs as slave traders while claiming itself to be the country of science and technology.

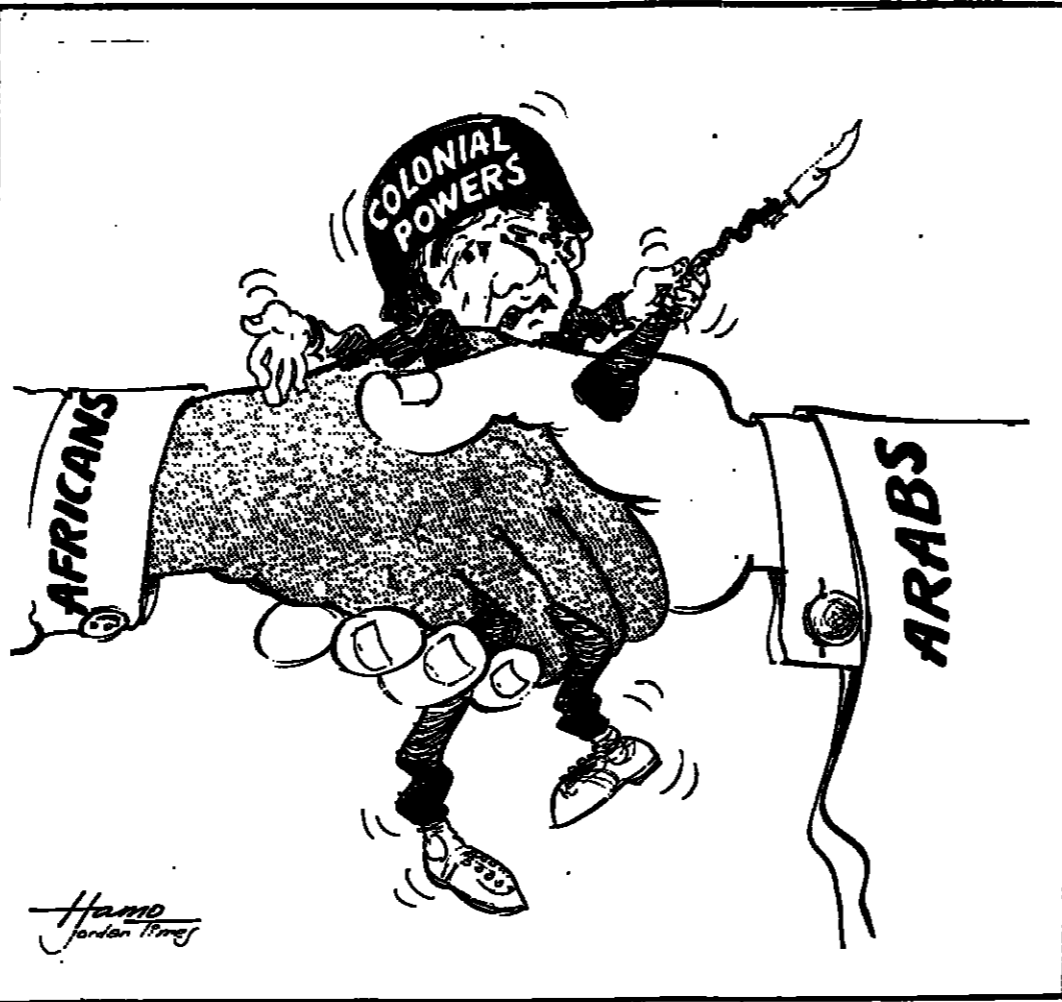
However, the paper adds, Egypt which has played a large role in the liberation of Africa, has changed that impression during the 1973 war when it demonstrated the Arabs' capability to deal effectively with science and technology and also display their wealth and economic power.

The convening of the Afro-Arab summit is therefore a natural result of these factors. The 1973 war had placed heavy economic burdens on the African countries while giving increased wealth to the Arabs.

Commenting also on the Afro-Arab summit conference, the Egyptian daily AL AKHBAR said Thursday that the African and Arab nations will be forced into an alliance with Communism if the industrialized western world goes on "bleeding" the impoverished countries through shortsighted economic policies.

Al Akhbar predicted that the relations between developing and industrialized countries would be "severely jolted" as a result of the summit.

"All Third World countries are prepared to fight to reconquer their resources exploited for so long by the industrial powers", Al Akhbar said, adding: "All the speeches made at the summit focus on the same fact, that the world rejects from now on an unjust distribution of wealth under which the poor get poorer everyday and the rich richer."



Mrs. Gandhi and son primary targets of united opposition in crucial elections

If the opposition gets its way in India -- and in the first weeks of election campaign the parties opposed to Congress have been making substantial running -- the main issue for voters this month will be Mrs. Gandhi personally and her controversial son Sanjay. Jagjivan Ram, the powerful minister who broke from Mrs. Gandhi to oppose her, calls it dictatorship by "one and a half" persons.

NEW DELHI, (Gemini). -- India's sixth general election since independence promises to be the most keenly contested of them all and polemically the fiercest.

The political parties have released their manifestos outlining their achievements and ideology -- economic, political and social, but if the opposition has its way Mrs. Gandhi and her son Sanjay Gandhi would become the main election issue.

Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan, who is spearheading the anti-Mrs. Gandhi campaign, opened by telling an election meeting in New Delhi that the choice was between freedom and slavery -- for the country, for themselves and their children.

Former Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram, who broke away from Mrs. Gandhi in a most dramatic manner after she had ordered the election, and his colleagues who have formed a new party named Congress for Democracy have exhorted the people against what they call dictatorship of "one and a half" persons. Sanjay's name is discreetly avoided.

Mrs. Gandhi, sensing that she has become the main target of attack of the non-pro-Moscow Communist Party opposition, stressed on launching her manifesto that "the Congress has not been a one man's party. It is only because

of the tremendous attack of the opposition that my colleagues felt that they are called upon to defend me and this is how the focus came on me. Otherwise I am there only as a representative of the people."

She also said that she regarded herself only as a foremost "sevika" (servant) of the people and of the Congress Party and she was in the party not for a position but because she felt deeply that it was the only party which had played a role in making modern India.

She defended "the lack of democracy or the curbs on democracy in the recent period" (after the emergency) on the ground that this was the only course to prevent the country's breakdown. And she cites her decision to hold the general election as her most effective reply to the charge that she had dictatorial propensities. What greater proof of her democratic temper she argues, than her decision to go to the polls as soon as the situation was less grave?

The opposition parties, including the CPI which has an electoral arrangement with the ruling party in West Bengal and Kerala, the two states where the rival Marxist Communist Party poses a serious threat to Congress power, have all demanded in their manifestos: -- Lifting of the emergency; -- Removal of press censorship; -- Repeal of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) -- under this draconian law any person can be detained without assigning any reason and without trial; -- Repeal of the 42nd Constitution Amendment Act which takes away the right of judicial review by the courts of infringements of citizen's fundamental rights and puts drastic curbs on civil liberties and

press freedom.

The Congress manifesto explains that the emergency was proclaimed to thwart the designs of opposition parties "to paralyse national activity and the government itself and to usurp power by unconstitutional means." It says this "timely action saved India from catastrophe and restored political stability."

The 42nd constitution amendment "was made to overcome the various obstacles put by economic and political vested interests."

The manifesto recalls the various socio-economic measures taken by the Congress Party and the special programmes launched for the benefit of the weaker sections of society. It stresses that the Congress motto is: Poverty must go, disparity must diminish and injustice must end. It outlines a 12-point chapter for building a brave new society.

The Janata (People) Party manifesto is described as a "Gandhian alternative" that assures the people "both bread and liberty". Its major planks are: The ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, devolution and decentralisation of power, freeing the people from the bondage of fear, restoration of the citizen's fundamental freedoms and of the rightful role of the judiciary and taking steps to rid public life of the cancer of corruption.

The Marxist CP and the Congress for Democracy also present programmes for a new economic, social and political deal to the people and promise the lifting of the emergency and repeal of all draconian laws brought to suppress people's popular urges and perpetrate one-person rule.

All parties talk of socialism, though their concepts of socialism widely differ. On foreign policy there is not much divergence -- all underline

Soviets eye Ethiopia as U.S. withdraws personnel and aid

ADDIS ABABA, March 10 (R). -- Ethiopia's military forces are facing growing pressure on several fronts as the situation in the horn of Africa grows ever more tense.

American cutbacks in military aid as a result of alleged violations of human rights here have raised the distinct possibility of a major shift in alliances in an extremely volatile area.

Analysts here suggest that the interest of the Soviet Union in an increasingly Marxist-orientated Ethiopia has grown with the open encouragement of the military government.

The Soviet Union already has strong commitments to Ethiopia's southern neighbour, Somalia, which has a long tradition of antagonism towards this country.

But several sources here suggested that Somalia is upset by Soviet interest in Ethiopia.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia, the richest and most conservative of Arab states, is also suspected of wooing Somalia away from the Soviet Union,

which has provided it with military hardware in the same way as the Americans have equipped the Ethiopians.

In addition to cutting military aid to Ethiopia -- by about five million dollars next year -- the Americans are also understood to be reducing their personnel here.

While an exchange of American treasury for Soviet arms could be expensive for the Ethiopians, an increasing number of observers here do not rule it out.

Reports in recent weeks indicate a considerable increase in guerrilla activity in the country's vast southeastern region, much of which is claimed by Somalia.

The insurgents, who are generally acknowledged to be Somali-backed, have been attacking Ethiopian troops who are thin in number and suffering from a shortage of ammunition.

Somalia is also known to want control of the French territory of the Afars and Issas, which is due to become independent in June. But Ethiopia relies on the port of Djibouti for more than 80 per cent of its foreign trade, and

some analysts here do not rule out the possibility of war between the two countries.

Ethiopia's weak military position in the southeast stems from a serious situation in the north of the country.

About half the country's 45,000 regular troops are stationed in the Red Sea province of Eritrea, where two secessionist groups, according to reliable sources, have been receiving supplies of heavy weapons.

The Ethiopian troops are pinned down most of the time while the guerrillas roam free over much of the countryside, harassed only by bombers.

In Addis Ababa itself, the government is facing undercover attacks from a rival Marxist group, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, which have resulted in many killings on both sides.

In a situation which is becoming increasingly anarchic, the armed forces remain the only cohesive unit in Ethiopia. But it is often recalled that armed dissidents in Eritrea sparked off the revolution which led to the downfall of the late Emperor Haile Selassie.

MEN AGAINST Mrs GANDHI

In India's 6th general election since independence in 1947 some 320 million voters will go to 380,000 polling booths between March 16-20

Infographic showing portraits of Mrs. Gandhi, Lok Sabha members (Morarji Desai, Jagjivan Ram, Jayaprakash Narayan) and their political affiliations. Includes text: 'Opposition parties have combined to fight ruling Congress Party'.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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Amman's waltzing traffic cop keeps 'em going

Photos by Bill Lyons



Dr. Waleed Hindi, the Financial Planning Manager in Syria, Thursday gave a lecture on experimental planning in his country at the University of Jordan. He talked about planning systems and production, investment, income and services in planning. The seminar was attended by officials of the National Planning Council and the Management Institute. A further seminar will be held in Damascus on industry in Jordan and Syria in the context of integration. A number of specialists on industrial planning will speak. (JNA photo).

AMC official to visit Sudan, Yemen, S. Arabia

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of the Arab Mining Company (AMC), Mr. Thabet Al Taher, and a top company official Issam Al Khairy, will start a trip Saturday to Sudan and North and South Yemen

for talks aimed at determining whether the AMC could participate in exploitation of mineral resources in these three countries.

Mr. Al Taher will also visit Saudi Arabia to discuss with the Saudi Development Fund the possibility of financial assistance for mining projects in which the AMC will participate.

Transit goods value up in October 1976

AMMAN (JNA). — The value of goods in transit through Jordan in October 1976 was six times that during the same month in 1975. The value of re-exported goods also increased.

Figures released by the Department of Statistics show that the value of transit goods amounted to JD 66.5 million against JD 10.3 million in October 1975. The value of re-exported goods amounted to JD 1,783,000 against JD 633,000 in October 1975.

DETOUR TO OPEN ON AMMAN-JARASH ROAD AFTER SLIDE

AMMAN (JNA). — A detour is now being opened in the area where a Landslide Tuesday closed the main Amman-Jarash road Three kms south of Jarash, sources at the Ministry of Public Works said Thursday.

The sources said that meanwhile traffic has been diverted to the old Amman-Jarash road, in addition to the Amman-Zarqa-Mafraq-Irbid road.

NATIONAL NOTES

* AMMAN. — An international human fertility survey expert, Dr. Geoffrey Thomas, arrived here Wednesday evening on a short visit during which he will discuss with Department of Statistics officials the steps adopted so far to carry out a human fertility survey of the Jordanian population.

* AMMAN. — The Municipal and Rural Credit Fund Thursday approved a JD 30,000 loan to the municipality of Northern Mazar in the Irbid Governorate for school construction.

* AMMAN. — The Minister of Communications, Mr. Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, Thursday received the United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Oueis, and discussed with him bilateral relations -- in particular those in the communications field.

* AMMAN. — Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni Thursday received the South Korean ambassador to Jordan.

* AMMAN. — His Highness Prince Ra'd Ibn Zeid, the Honorary President of the Blind Association, Thursday presided over the first meeting of the administrative board. Discussions centred on the employment of blind people at government establishments. His Highness also donated JD 400 to the association.

Car assembly plant scheme discussed

AMMAN (JNA). — The Amman Chamber of Industry and some businessmen Thursday studied an offer by a French firm for the setting up of a plant to assemble cars and locomotives in Jordan.

The French commercial attaché in Amman supplied the Amman Chamber of Industry with information and catalogues showing the products that could be assembled in Jordan and marketed in neighbouring countries.

C'ttee to meet to unify laws on investment

DAMASCUS, March 10 (JNA). — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for the Unification of Investment Encouragement Laws will hold its second meeting here at the end of March, the Under-Secretary at the Syrian Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade Abdallah Al Azmei stated today.

The committee will debate all details pertaining to the unified law, which will then be submitted to the joint higher committee for study and approval.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

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| U.K. sterling | 572.0 | 578.0 |
| U.S. dollar | 332.0 | 334.0 |
| German mark | 125.5 | 139.2 |
| French franc | 66.8 | 67.1 |
| Swiss franc | 130.0 | 130.4 |
| Italian lira (for every 100) | 37.6 | 37.8 |
| Saudi riyal | 93.5 | 93.9 |
| Lebanese pound | 108.7 | 108.9 |
| Syrian pound | 82.2 | 82.4 |
| Iraqi dinar | 940.0 | 950.0 |
| Kuwaiti dinar | 1,147.0 | 1,152.0 |
| Egyptian pound | 460.0 | 471.0 |
| Libyan dinar | 800.0 | 815.0 |
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his second turn with a take-out double. That knowledge should have been enough to steer an expert declarer to the winning line. However, only two of the finalists succeeded in bringing home twelve tricks. One was Axelson. Axelson decided that, for his takeout double, West was likely to have four hearts and the ace-queen of diamonds. Therefore, he won the first trick in his hand and ruffed a club in dummy. He returned to his hand with the king of trumps and ruffed a club with the queen of trumps. The ten of trumps was overtaken with the ace

and a diamond was discarded on the ace of clubs. Two more trumps reduced all hands to five cards. West came down to three hearts and the ace-queen of diamonds. Dummy also held three hearts and two diamonds. When declarer played his last trump West, forced to hold three hearts, had to let go of his queen of diamonds. It was now a simple matter to discard a heart from the board and drive out the ace of diamonds. As a result, declarer took the last three tricks with the king-queen of hearts and king of diamonds to bring home an excellently played slam.

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



QUAKE AFTERMATH -- Rescue workers feverishly work to clear the debris of collapsed houses in the industrial town of Ploiesti, some 90 kms north of Bucharest and much closer to the epicentre of the disastrous earthquake that hit Romania Friday night. (AP wirephoto).

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1977

Your Daily HOROSCOPE from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have good ideas for putting in motion a plan of action that could add to your financial security. Let a bigwig know of your ideas and accept his suggestions. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Getting out to new surroundings can bring fine results. You make new contacts that could prove valuable in the future. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can meet your obligations today if you get enthused about them. Avoid tension of any sort now. Come to a better understanding with a loved one. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Show that you are happy with your associates and gain their further cooperation. Get into activities that add to your prestige. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Attend to tasks requiring your attention so that they are soon out of the way. Consider ways in which you could add to your efficiency in performing your tasks. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan the recreation that appeals to you most and get into it enthusiastically. Show more thought for the one you love. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can make progress at home affair, but do not do any entertaining just now. Don't forget to pay important bills. Give a thoughtful gift to a loved one. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact those who can give you the information you require so that you can become more successful in your own line of endeavor. Be more objective in handling personal problems now. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't waste time in getting into that new activity that will give you added income you need. Listen to advice of one who thinks straight. Take time for reading. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Everything goes smoothly for you now but you must use tact later when problems may arise. Take care where the social is concerned. Avoid a troublesome. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get at all those duties that are ahead of you. Listen to the suggestions of a good adviser. Evening is fine for improving health. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good time to be with friends and use your gregarious qualities wisely. Put your best foot forward at social affairs. Use caution in handling business affairs. PISCES Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Change your attitude toward bigwig and improve your position in the world of activity. Find the right gadgets that will make your work more efficient. Show friends how much you like them.

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TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE THE WALTONS: THE COURTSHIP Olivia's uncle Cody Nelson returns to the only family he has left in the world following an absence of 30 years. He's a quiet, fastidious man of 64 and as the saying goes, "...set in his ways". BIG VALLEY: RUN OF SAVAGE Nick kidnapped by an outcast Indian is liberated and helps Indian reintegrate village life. GEORGE AND MILDRED: THE BAD PENNY George and Mildred move house and they are invited by their new neighbours for a drink. KOJAK: PRIDE AND THE PRINCESS Kojak investigates robbery where the loot has been hidden in a church.

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THE FLINTSTONES A MR. FLINTSTONE IS WAITING DOCTOR - SOMETHING ABOUT A LODGE COSTUME PARTY? OH, THAT'S RIGHT? HE WAS GOING TO PICK ME UP.... FRED, YOU'D BETTER WAIT OUT IN THE CAR AND I'LL JOIN YOU... I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO BE THE FIRST THING MY PATIENTS SEE WHEN THEY WAKE UP!

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Romania to prosecute builders of edifices destroyed in quake



SEARCHING -- Romanian rescue workers climb up debris of collapsed house in Bucharest Thursday looking for possible survivors of last Friday's earthquake. (AP wirephoto).

BUCHAREST, March 10 (R). — President Nicolae Ceausescu said today the designers and builders of some of the modern structures that collapsed in the devastating earthquake that struck Romania last Friday would be prosecuted.

The president said the warning was based on incomplete and unreliable information and Romanian experts did not believe another disaster was imminent.

The known number of injured, he said, was about 10,500, of whom 2,280 were still in hospitals.



TELL: EM, IDI -- President Idi Amin Dada of Uganda makes a point during a press conference held at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo. (AP wirephoto).

Marcos committed to Filipino peace

MANILA, March 10 (AFP). — Premier Ferdinand Marcos said today he would go to all lengths to reach a peaceful settlement of the southern Philippine Moslem rebellion, and voiced fears a bloodier war might erupt if negotiations failed.

Marcos martial law regime and the rebel Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) bogged down last week.

terminating the seven-week-old ceasefire could lead to a worse situation.

Castro ends Libyan visit

TRIPOLI, Mar. 10 (AFP). — Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba left here today at the end of a nine-day official visit to Libya, Libyan radio reported.

week, was seen off at the airport by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

Shortly before his departure, Dr. Castro was awarded the Libyan "Medal of Courage" in recognition of his "heroic role in the struggle against colonialism and his support for progressive and revolutionary forces," according to the radio.

The alternative "is a messy type of war. There will be casualties on both sides, but worst, the civilians will be the principal casualties," Mr. Marcos said.

But the prohibition is already being hotly contested by manufacturers of this sugar substitute.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

North Sea oil will meet U.K. needs until 1990s only, B.P. forecasts

LONDON, March 10 (AFP). — North Sea oil will meet Britain's needs for the 1980's and no longer, a report by British Petroleum (B.P.) said today.

Kuwait offers cheaper oil to African states

KUWAIT, March 10 (R). — Kuwait has offered to sell oil to African states at prices lower than those they now pay to the international oil companies, Kuwait newspapers said today.

U.K. BANK RATE REDUCED

LONDON, Mar. 10 (AFP). — The Bank of England today reduced the minimum lending rate (bank rate) from 12 to 11 per cent.

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices edged up a moderate rally Thursday on the New York stock exchange where the industrial average closed on a gain of nearly four points after a mixed session.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market Thursday came off the top after British Leyland Toolroom strike leaders recommended rejection of Wednesday's largely formula. Earlier, the market was on an upward track, largely reflecting the one point reduction in the Bank of England minimum lending rate and a similar cut in Barclays Bank base rate.

GATT director declares it "a propitious time" for multilateral trade talks

TOKYO, March 10 (AFP). — Now is a propitious time for pushing the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN), the Director General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), Olivier Long, said today.

were also held in various countries last year, Mr. Long said.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

NEW YORK, March 10 (AFP). — United States oil imports reached a new high last week, the American Petroleum Institute (API) reported here.

BEIRUT, March 10 (R). — Lebanese Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss today received Mr. David Rockefeller, President of the Chase Manhattan Bank, who is touring some Arab countries.

KUWAIT, March 10 (R). — The Chairman of the Philippines Oil Company, Mr. Geronimo Velasco, has arrived here to negotiate an agreement for a loan from Kuwait's foreign aid agency, informed sources said here yesterday.

BRUSSELS, March 10 (R). — Leaders of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot trade union confederations will meet in Nicosia later this month for the first time since the 1974 Turkish invasion of the island, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) said yesterday.

Veiled but steady, China's official press campaigns for the return of Teng Hsiao-ping

PEKING, March 10 (AFP). — A more or less veiled campaign to rehabilitate former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping is becoming clearer and clearer in the official Chinese press.

Hsiao-ping's name will not reappear in the official press until the day when he is officially rehabilitated.

At the start of last December, the name of the former vice premier was dropped from official statements or articles following a virulent month-long campaign against him -- at least, until the fall of the "gang of four."

used, among others, to attack Mr. Teng.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

SALISBURY, March 10 (AFP). — Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith today appointed Mr. Mark Partridge as new Defence Minister in a cabinet reshuffle.

DAR ES SALAAM, March 10 (AFP). — Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny is expected here on March 22 for an official visit to Tanzania which will mark the beginning of his tour in Southern Africa, an authorized source said here today.

BERN, March 10 (AFP). — For the third time in seven years the Swiss are being asked in a referendum on Sunday whether they want to deport a few hundred thousand foreigners from the country.

WASHINGTON, March 10 (R). — A U.S. House of Representatives inquiry has uncovered uncorroborated evidence suggesting conspiracies in the murders of President Kennedy and black civil rights leader Martin Luther King, the chief investigator said yesterday.

Australia's political parties clash over Carter's proposal to demilitarise Indian Ocean

CANBERRA, March 10 (AFP). — U.S. President Carter's proposal that "the Indian Ocean be completely demilitarised" has caught the Australian government by complete surprise, while delighting the opposition party which has advocated this policy for years.

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